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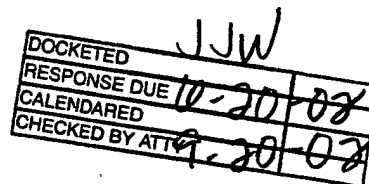
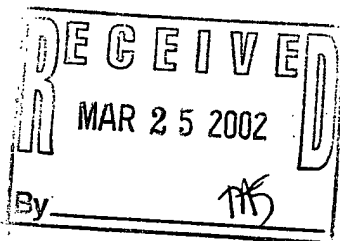
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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CASE ET AL.

Examiner

T. C. Patel

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 10-35, 39-64, 68-71 - is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9, 36-38 and 65-67 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 6, 8.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

General Status

1. This is a First Action on the Merits. Claims 1-71, are pending in the case.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-6, 10-35, 39-64 and 68-71, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US 6,118,917).

For claims 1, 30 and 59, Lee et al. in figures 1-4, discloses a substrate 200 having a first and second registration features 220, 230, a first optical module 300 having an optical component 310, a relative reference mount 300 including a registration feature 320, a second optical component 400 with an optical component 310 and relative registration feature, the

registration features on optical components 300 and 400 aligns with the first and second registration features of the substrate.

For claims 2-6, 31-35 and 60-63, optical components are coupled to the substrate using adhesive or metal solder (column 4, lines 64-67 and column 5, lines 1-2). For claims 10-28, 39-58 and 68-71, the adhesive can be activated by radiation. The optical fibers would have characteristic, which changes in one dimension and for other claims, the protrusions and recesses are disclosed. For claim 29 an additional optical module 100 is also disclosed.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 7-9, 36-38 and 65-67 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to T. C. Patel whose telephone number is (703) 308-1736. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on (703) 308-3119. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.


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	AD	4,892,377	1/9/90	Randle	350	96.2
	AE	5,113,404	5/12/92	Gaebe et al.	372	36
	AF	5,210,811	5/11/93	Avelange et al.	385	91
	AG	5,247,597	9/21/93	Blacha et al.	385	88
	AH	5,249,733	10/5/93	Brady et al.	228	180.22
	AI	5,283,446	2/1/94	Tanisawa	257	433
	AJ	5,478,778	12/26/95	Tanisawa	437	183
	AK	5,499,312	3/12/96	Hahn et al.	385	91
	AL	5,550,088	8/27/96	Dautartas et al.	437	225
	AM	5,568,892	10/29/96	Basavanhally	228	180.22
	AN	5,574,561	11/12/96	Boudreau et al.	356	399
	AO	5,603,870	2/18/97	Roll et al.	264	1.25
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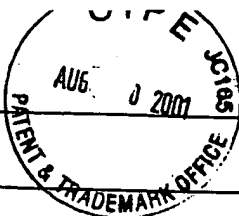
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	AW 5,854,867	12/29/98	Lee et al.	385	49	
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	BB 6,155,515	9/5/00	Itoh et al.	285	14	
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	AD	4,752,816	6/21/88	Sussman et al.	357	30
	AE	4,954,458	9/4/90	Reid	437	51
	AF	4,989,934	2/5/91	Zavracky et al.	350	96.11
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	AI	5,216,729	6/1/93	Berger et al.	385	31
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	BG 6,115,515	9/5/00	Itoh et al.	385	14	
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